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COMPUTER SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEEJune 1981  
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25X1 1. [ ] The one hundred and thirty-seventh meeting of the Computer  
25X1 Security Subcommittee was held on 11 June 1981 at [ ]  
McLean, VA. The meeting was convened at 0930, and attending were:

25X1 [ ] Chairman  
25X1 [ ] Executive Secretary  
25X1 [ ] CIA Alternate  
Mr. Gene Epperly, ASD(PR)  
Mr. Carl Martz, Navy  
Mr. James Studer, Army  
Mr. Lynn McNulty, Dept. of State  
[ ] NSA  
[ ] , SECOM  
[ ] SECOM staff

25X1 2. [ ] Since the previous meeting had been a brief, single topic  
meeting on 5 February 1981, there were no minutes published. However, the  
Executive Secretary was asked to review the events of that meeting for the  
members. Briefly, the 136th meeting was concerned strictly with the rewrite  
of DCID 1/16. There had been considerable discussion over the "bottom-up"  
versus the "top-down" approach. It was decided to terminate the on-going  
efforts to develop detailed operational procedures/guidance in favor of first  
scoping out the broad policy objectives. It was agreed that any comments on the  
present DCID, desired qualities of a revised DCID, or proposed rewrites would  
be forwarded to the Executive Secretary for reproduction and distribution to  
the membership for review.

25X1 3. [ ] the new chairman of the SECOM, was introduced to the  
new members, and reviewed some recent happenings in the community and at the IC  
staff.

25X1 a. [ ] He reported that Admiral Inman, Deputy Director, CIA, felt  
25X1 that the recent APEX exercise had highlighted the need for security in the  
"office of tomorrow". Therefore, [ ] thought that the CSS will be directed  
toward defining the security requirements of the electronic office of the future,  
and for spearheading the necessary education of the community to operate in such  
an environment.

25X1 b. [ ] discussed the newly instituted community security  
budget, which is administered by CIA but reserved solely for use by the SECOM.  
Part of this budget is for the computer security subcommittee, and he indicated  
that how the money was used was limited only by the initiative and imagination  
of the subcommittee. The chairman asked the membership to consider worthwhile ways  
for the money to be used, and to be prepared to present their suggestions by  
mid-August.

25X1 c. [ ] stated that the subcommittee's first priority should  
be the revision of DCID 1/16. He indicated a desire for a document which reflected  
a broad policy statement, leaving enough room for each agency/department to make its  
own decision on the specifics of how to apply the policy in light of its unique

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circumstances and requirements. He emphasized that the subcommittee, in this project, as well as in other issues, should not allow unnecessary delays to occur in the quest for unanimity and the perfect resolution of issues. Rather he encouraged the subcommittee to identify the areas of disagreement, and forward the dissenting opinions to the parent SECOM for ultimate resolution at that level.

25X1 4. [ ] In light of [ ] identifying the revision to DCID 1/16 as being a high priority item, the NSA member recommended that the next meeting ~~be dedicated to discussing the substance of the desired DCID policy statement.~~ That is, what basic position the policy should reflect; the detailed drafting of wording would follow. It was also recommended that the staffing of the document be accomplished via the formal NFIB staffing process. That is, there is no requirement for the members to attempt to obtain a coordinated position from their respective agencies/commands on the version of the DCID which will be issued by the subcommittee, since the staffing at the agency and department level will occur through the normal coordination process at the next levels of the SECOM structure.

25X1 5. [ ] The chairman expressed the opinion that another item which is high on the subcommittee's list of priorities is that of developing a threat statement. There was general agreement with this perception, and a good deal of discussion followed, primarily on the need for the threat information, the problems associated with obtaining it, tasking for its collection, and documenting and "advertising" it. The NSA member suggested that rather than attempting to develop a "one-shot", completed threat document, that the process be a continuing one of putting pieces of the picture together one at a time. It was further recommended that there might be three categories of data; extrapolated, hypothesized, and confirmed.

25X1 6. [ ] As indicated above, proposed revisions to the DCID, or comments on the current version, were solicited at the previous meeting. Copies of the material submitted since the last meeting were distributed. The chairman asked the members to review the material and have personal (i.e. not staffed within the individual organizations) comments/reactions by mid-August.

*was supposed to be next meeting i.e. July.*

25X1 7. [ ] There was some discussion of the requirement for dedicated support to the chairman and to the subcommittee, probably provided by the IC staff. There was general agreement that the chairmanship should, ideally, be a full-time position, and that he should be able to expect full-time support from his executive secretary. Additionally, there is a need for occasional clerical/administrative support. It seemed reasonable to the subcommittee to look to the IC staff for providing the required support to the chairman, to include the staffing of the position of executive secretary. Mr. Taylor stated that he would raise the issue at the appropriate level.

25X1 8. [ ] There was a question raised concerning the clearance required for membership to the subcommittee. The chairman stated that his preference was for the members to be cleared a minimum of SI/TK/GAMMA.

25X1 9. [ ] As a point of procedure, the chairman expressed the desire that in the event of his absence, or inability to attend a meeting, the executive chairman would preside.

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✓ 10. [ ] The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14 July 1981, at the [ ], McLean, VA (Please note that this is a change from the usual schedule. Due to other standing requirements for the conference room, the meetings will now be held on the third Tuesday of every month).



Executive Secretary

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